

REMARKS

After filing the application, it was realized that certain anatomical landmarks used to reference the specific shape and contour of the claimed fixation plate were inadvertently misidentified. Specifically, in the identified paragraph, the terms “radial” and “ulnar” were inadvertently switched. Consequently, the ulnar side should have been stated to accommodate the lunate fossa, and the “radial side portion” should have been stated to accommodate “a prominence at the radial aspect of the bone”. From the application, as filed, one skilled in the art, e.g., an orthopedic surgeon, would have understood that the initial anatomical references were misidentified (by reference to the location of such anatomical features relative to the right-hand volar plate shown and described) and that the corrections made in the amendment do not add new matter to the disclosure.

In addition, in the identified paragraph, the chamfered surfaces of the plate are indicated to have a reduced profile that limits potential interference with the “ligaments and soft tissue.” The addition of “soft tissue” to this location is not new matter, as it is explicitly provided at page 4, line 2 of the Specification.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain

outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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